

# Greece Sailing Adventure: Corfu to Kefalonia

Corfu. Paxos. Antipaxos. Lefkadas. Skorprios. Meganisi. Ithaca. Atokos. Kastos.  
Kalamos. Kefalonia

SAIL LA VIE, 8 Days 7 Nights



## SAILING ADVENTURE, SITES TO SEE & INFO

- Take a sailing trip through some of the most beautiful Greek islands in the Ionian Sea.
- 08-day trip from Corfu to Kefalonia: journey through secluded coastlines, private islands, rolling hills and orchards, Venetian architecture, warm tavernas and some of the world's cleanest waters.
- Each day, swim in almost-untouched bays, watch the sunset on the deck of your group's sailing boat and spend the night on the town, exploring everything these islands have to offer.
- Explore Paxos, Antipaxos, Lefkadas, Skorprios, Meganisi, Ithaca, Atokos, Kastos and Kalamos and their winding shores, white sands, comfortable beaches and coves that are only seen by boat.
- Backpackers come prepared: flip-flops, comfy shoes, sun screen, ....and fun adventurous attitude.
- This is an adventure on board a real yacht, which means living spaces, cabins, bathrooms and showers need to be shared with other passengers. Sleeping quarters can be quite compact, but you will be spending the majority of your time above board in the open air. If you're travelling with your own group of friends or family and would like to book a private departure on this sailing trip, our Tailor-Made team will be happy to help.

### Package Theme:

Sailing Motor boat Group Fully Guided Personalized

### Trip Highlights:

- Explore Corfu's Venetian architecture
- Swim in Paxos' azure waters
- Dine in Lefkada's bustling streets
- Discover secluded coves in Meganisi
- Watch sunset on Ithaca's beaches

Day 1: Corfu

Day 2: Paxos

Day 3: Antipaxos. Lefkada

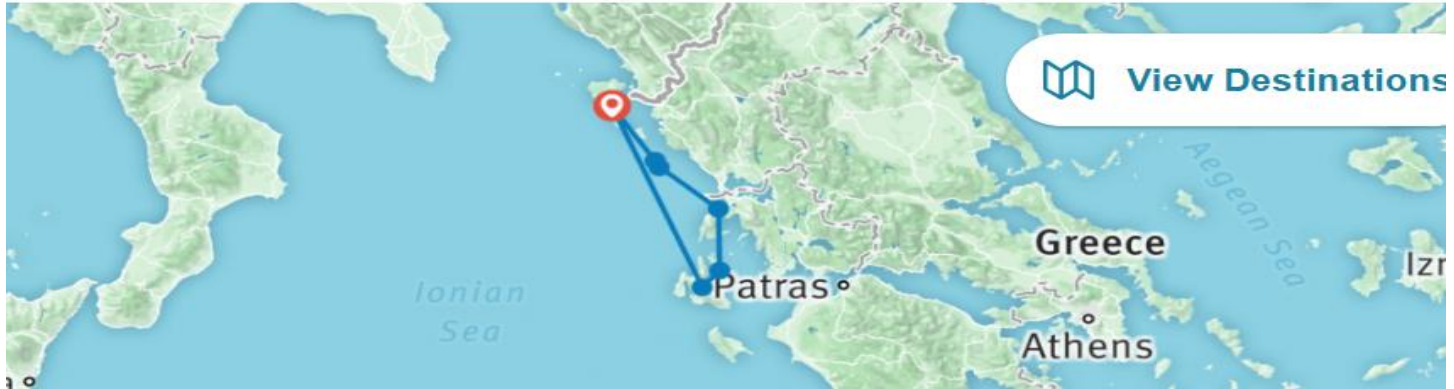
Day 4: Skorprios. Meganisi. Ithaca

Day 5 & 6: Atokos. Kastos. Kalamos. Ithaca

Day 7: Ithaca. Kefalonia

Day 8: Kefalonia

## Trip Map



Package Price is quoted from **2,760 US\$ per person** in a twin room and includes:

- ✈ 7-Night accommodation onboard the sailing yacht
- ✈ On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our skippers
- ✈ No Meals are included in this tour
- 🏠 Travel insurance
- 📍 Starts in Corfu. Ends in Kefalonia.
- 📅 Validity: May to October 2025
- 🚫 Package excludes air ticket

### **Important Notices:**

- ✈ *These wallet-friendly programs are carefully priced to create "Budget Adventures" packages, that cater to budget-conscious travelers, backpackers, and globetrotters who wish to travel frequently and on a budget.*
- ✈ *Prices are subject to change according to Schedules on various weeks, availability at the Date of booking.*
- ✈ *The Itinerary might be subject to change in light of logistic, technical issues, and/or weather conditions.*
- ✈ *There are NO meals on this tour*
- ✈ *For Sailing guidelines and info, please check pages 7 & 8.*
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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: CORFU



- Kalimera! Welcome to Greece. Your sailing adventure begins on **one of the most beautiful islands in the Ionian Sea - CORFU**.
- If you arrive early, walk the winding streets to see the Venetian influences and architecture of the town.
- **Liston** is one of the **most popular pedestrian streets on the island** and a perfect meeting place, right next to the famous **Spaniada Square** - coffee, anyone?
- Welcome meeting at 4 pm to meet your group and trip leader. Head out after to grab some supplies for your trip.
- Tonight, hit Corfu's main town for a night out. Flanked by two imposing **Venetian fortresses**, Corfu's town features **winding medieval lanes**, a French-style arcade and the **grand Palace of St. Michael and St. George**.

### DAY 2: PAXOS



- This morning, get an early start as you sail towards **PAXOS - the smallest of the Ionian islands**, about 7 nautical miles from south Corfu.
- Paxos is a unique blend of **green landscapes** set in a **bright blue sea**. Inhabited by some of the world's most charming and hospitable people, and constantly bathed in European sunshine, this is a gorgeous place to explore.
- Along the way, take a short stop to swim. When you arrive in **GAIOS**, the main port and the centre of island life, explore the village and coastline with your group.
- Tonight, why not head out for dinner at one of the many cosy spots to eat.

## DAY 3: ANTIPAXOS - LEFKADA



- Make the most of the day by rising nice and early and enjoying breakfast on the boat. Stop for a morning swim near **Paxos' sister island ANTIPAXOS**, home to some of the finest beaches in the Ionian Sea.
- Antipaxos doesn't have its own permanent population, but there are many Paxiots who own vineyards and cottages here.
- After your swim, sail south, passing through the north channel and docking in the **MARINA OF LEFKADA** - this island's busy streets are perfect for a wine and dine or night out on the town.

## DAY 4: SKORPIOS - MEGANISI - ITHACA



- Morning, head to **SKORPIOS** - primarily **known as the private island of the late Greek shipping billionaire Aristotle Onassis**, bought in 1963 for numerous high-profile parties. This was also the site of Onassis' wedding to the former United States First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy in 1968. Now, the island is owned by the Russian oligarch and art collector Dmitry Rybolovlev.
- Stop for a swim by the island before heading to **MEGANISI BAYS**. This remote island is located between Lefkada and the Greek mainland. **Untouched by mainstream tourism, it features secluded coves that can only be reached by boat!** Except for its two traditional villages and the small number of facilities they offer, the island is unspoiled.
- Take some time to explore the beautiful bays and then dock in the marina of the small **fishing village of VATHI** close by.

## DAY 5 & 6: ATOKOS - KASTOS - KALAMOS - ITHACA



- Over the next 2 days, you'll be exploring a few islands at your group's own pace.
- Spend your days lounging on the boat's deck, swimming, eating out at local tavernas and watching sunset on the deck or the sands of a nearby beach.
- Visit remote **ATOKOS** - one of the most secluded of the Echinades Islands. The tiny islet is *uninhabited except for a few goats that roam freely*. There is the small chapel of St. John and the beach at **One House Bay** to explore. Swimming pigs are the ultimate attraction on Atokos. In recent years, a herd of black pigs has appeared on the beach of the island and it has become the ultimate attraction
- Visit **KASTOS**, where you'll find *peaceful beaches* and a *simple island lifestyle*.
- Kastos has only a few hundred people, which makes it the perfect spot for some relaxation and peace.



- Then, visit **ITHACA** - this beautiful island is famously the homeland of **Odysseus (Ulysses)**, the hero of the Homeric poem *Odyssey*. Surrounded by *lush vegetation*, *European architecture* and the *deep-blue sea*, you'll see why this place caused such inspiration.

## DAY 7: ITHACA - KEFALONIA



- This morning, enjoy breakfast on the boat and take a morning swim at **ADRI BAY** in **ITHACA**.
- At only 46 miles<sup>2</sup>, Ithaca is a classic unspoilt Greek island, nestling quietly in the shadow of its more famous neighbours.
- Head towards **FISKARDO**, with *hills carpeted by cypress and olive trees*, this fishing village is so beautiful that it was added to **Project Natura 2000** for its protection.
- **KEFALONIA** harbour village, declared as having 'great natural beauty', has iconic *Venetian architecture* and is one of the only islands with its original buildings still standing. Hills surround a winding coast that stands on the northern tip of **KEFALONIA** - the largest of the 7 Ionian Islands. Enjoy a day exploring unforgettable beauty and history and top it all off with a farewell dinner on the seafront.
- In addition, goats are the most common animal you will come across while touring Kefalonia (approx. 10.000 goats live here) and are quite afraid of humans so it is difficult to approach them, but are interesting animals to observe and a great theme for photographers!

## DAY 8: KEFALONIA



- Breakfast this morning, disembark at **SAMI** in **KEFALONIA** and say goodbye to your skipper and fellow travellers. if you are flying out today, your trip leader can help you organize a taxi to Airport.
- Possibility of extending your stay in **KEFALONIA** to enjoy its stunning waters. Please contact us for any assistance.

## SAILING GUIDELINES & MUST-KNOW

### ACCOMMODATION ONBOARD THIS SAILING YACHT:

- This trip is accommodated entirely on board a yacht of 48ft, equipped with 2 double share cabins, 2 twin bunk cabins and 4 shared bathrooms with showers.
- Our boats are real yachts and this is a real sailing trip. Yachts are designed to **keep sleeping areas to the absolute minimum of space**, while maximizing common areas as much as possible.
- Rooms are allocated on arrival by our skipper according to group composition, which means it is not possible to reserve or guarantee any specific berth or cabin.
- Single passengers will be paired up with another passenger of the same gender, this may mean sharing a double cabin with a double mattress. Everyone including the skipper shares the bathrooms on board.
- While not everyone may feel entirely comfortable living in such close quarters, those who are looking to revel in the adventure and exhilaration of an authentic sailing trip usually find any discomfort from cramped living conditions is more than made up for by the whole experience.
- Please note that the majority of our sailing trips start and/or finish at a marina or port. For most of our destinations, we can provide transfers between the airport/hotel and the port/marina. Please check the joining and finish point information in the trip notes for details.

### ELECTRICITY:

- While there should be electricity on board throughout your trip the voltage is likely to vary widely, from 12V to 220V, and when in port or moored we are dependent on the supply available. Please be aware that the supply may not be sufficient to power some electronic devices all the time and that you may need a voltage adapter or similar (such as portable inverter used in cars).
- On some trips it may be possible to charge devices ashore at restaurants or resorts, however this is not guaranteed.

### NO WI-FI:

- Please note that our sailing boats do **NOT** have Wi-Fi. You will be getting off the boat and visiting towns regularly so you will be able to connect with the outside world then.

### GUIDE:

- On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our skippers. Your skipper's role involves taking charge of the sailing, the safety of the vessel and safety for all passengers on board.
- Skippers all hold a **Yacht Master Offshore license** or **higher** and have completed an intense training and review process before sailing with us. They are also fully qualified in CPR and First Aid.
- Skipper's role is also to take the hassle out of your travels by organizing the overall operation and smooth-running of the trip, managing trip logistics and coordinating the kitty (where applicable).
- Your skipper will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect skippers to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

### SAILING:

- As the majority of this trip takes place on a sailing boat, you'll need to **feel comfortable with moving about the vessel, including the use of stairs and ladders**. The sailing boats will experience some roll and pitch in windier conditions (which are quite rare for Ionian waters). However, your skipper will use the sails and the force of the wind as natural stabilizers. In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the sailing will not go ahead. Our yachts have a small Zodiac on board, which is used to transport travelers to shore if we need to anchor in the bay. However, we will most often overnight in the small marinas on each island we visit, so the Zodiacs aren't used.
- *Zodiacs can sometimes be awkward to climb in and out of, but a sense of humour and a can-do attitude are all you need.*
- It's just you, the crew and the big blue while you sail past the stunning beaches and charming towns of the Ionian Islands. By embarking on a small-group sail, you'll be able to cruise to smaller islands and drop anchor in secluded coves, unreachable by the tourist hordes.
- With an expert crew who have got a rough itinerary planned, you and your group can choose your pace and they can tailor the sail to suit everyone's needs - it's what you might call a 'cruisy' trip.

- ▶ What's the point of sailing on the Ionian Sea without being able to dive right in? Get plenty of time to snorkel in the crystal-clear waters in search of local marine life.
- ▶ The island of Corfu is the ideal place to begin and end your sail. With small towns to discover, stretches of sand to lay on and too much seafood to eat, why not consider extending your trip here?

#### TRANSPORT:

- ▶ This is a sailing adventure so our time is spent on board a monohull yacht. **You may be asked to assist on-deck, particularly when coming into or leaving port.**
- ▶ No experience is necessary, but getting to know some 'sailing language' might help to get you into the spirit of the adventure.
  - ▶ Bow - front of the boat
  - ▶ Stern - rear of the boat
  - ▶ Port - left
  - ▶ Starboard - right
  - ▶ Deck - outside, upper area of the boat
  - ▶ Hull - the main part or body of the boat
  - ▶ Keel - part of the boat under water that keeps the boat stable and stops it capsizing
  - ▶ Mainsail - the large sail attached to the mast and boom
  - ▶ Mast - the big vertical pole that supports the mainsail
  - ▶ Boom - the big horizontal pole attached to the mainsail, coming off the rear of the mast (swing from side to side)
  - ▶ Jib, headsail, genoa, foresail - smaller sail near the front of the boat
  - ▶ Sheet - ropes used to control the sails
  - ▶ Booty - another word for pirate treasure
  - ▶ Lines - other ropes on the boat (ropes are never called ropes on yachts)
  - ▶ Spinnaker - large extra sail
  - ▶ Trim the sails - adjust the position of the sails when the wind changes strength or direction
  - ▶ Tiller or wheel or helm - used to steer the boat
  - ▶ Helmsman - person steering the boat
  - ▶ Running - sailing with the wind
  - ▶ Tack - turning the bow of the boat when sailing through the wind
  - ▶ Jibe - turning the stern of the boat when sailing through the wind
  - ▶ Figure-eight knot - the stopper: often used at the end of lines to stop them getting away.
  - ▶ Bowline (knot) - strong and dependable knot that is commonly used
  - ▶ Clove Hitch (knot) - not as secure it is often used to attach an object to a line Boat